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Saint Leo purchases boat for biology department

By Genevieve Feiler
Contributing Writer

Saint Leo University recently purchased a boat for the biology program, which will be utilized by students who are interested in marine and aquatic habitats.

"Students will begin using the boat this month as part of an international research program called MangroveWatch," said Dr. Bill Ellis, associate professor of biology. "In addition, several seniors in the Biology program will use the boat as part of their Senior Seminar capstone research."

Along with research, students in Ichthyology, Marine Biology, Invertebrate Zoology, Oceanography, Environmental Science, and Ecology courses will use the boat as a part of classwork.

Junior Jocelyne Hilary, who has been enrolled in the Environmental Science program for two years, expressed her excitement about the University's effort to better her program.

"I am thrilled at the idea of the school investing in the Bio program," said Hilary. "I have seen such improvements in the business and athletic departments, so it's nice to see improvements in my department too."

Purchasing the boat was an additional expense to the University, but was worth it according to Ellis. As a professor, his main goal is to have the students begin exploring the water.

"I am a firm believer in the axiom: 'One learns best by doing.' Well, now we have a chance to 'do,'" said Ellis.

"By buying this boat, I feel that Saint Leo is displaying an interest in our education and providing us with facilities," said Hilary. "I think it motivates students when you know you're being invested in by teachers who seek to provide the student body with a better learning environment. It makes it worthwhile, even though I miss my family back in England. I realize that I have been given a great opportunity."

The purchase of this boat displays the excellence of the University as the staff strives to perfect the quality and the experience of every student.

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Bats invade Saint Edwards Hall

By Kathleen Weldon
Contributing Writer

Recently there have been reports of strange noises in the walls of Saint Edwards Hall. These strange noises are not ghosts, but actually hundreds of bats.

At dusk, these bats can be seen flying around Saint Edwards Hall. A video was made showing the creatures flying in the chimney. After it was shown to students, they had a few things to say on the new information regarding the flying mammals.

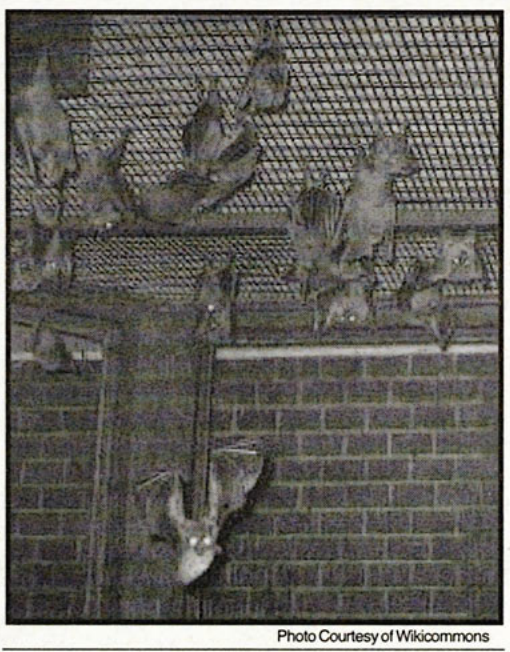
Senior, Walkens Llemand,said, "I never thought we had bats that lived in Saint Leo University."

"It's eye opening really," said freshman Gaelle Batronia. "I was surprised. I didn't know there were bats here on the campus itself."

When asked what the University should do about the bats, students thought they were not that much of a problem.

"We should leave them alone, they aren't bothering anyone. I'm pretty sure most of us don't know the bats are in Saint Eds," said Batronia.

"Are they a danger to the community? If they were really an issue, it probably would have come up by now," said Llemand.



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Now that students know there are a large amount of bats living in Saint Edwards Hall, have their opinions on the buildings changed at all?

"I don't feel different to be honest. We have giant birds that walk around like they own the place. We have squirrels that fight over everything and you don't mess with them. We have a raccoon named Rico that fights over empty pizza boxes," said Llemand.

"It doesn't affect me," said Batroni. "They don't bother me and I don't see them."

There are currently no plans to remove the bats from Saint Edwards Hall, but who knows what the future will hold. If you would like to see the video of the bats, please visit www.pride-online.net.

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Opinion

Holiday Travel: A Survival Guide

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

It is that time again. It is time to figure out how to get home for the holidays and how to do it for the lowest price possible. What is the best way to find the lowest price possible for a domestic or international student?

On top of that, how in the world does one get through the airport during one of the busiest times of the year? Well fear no more. With a little planning, organization, and some good advice, travel problems will become a thing of the past. When booking a flight, it is very important to follow these few tips:

Make sure to have the correct dates and times so that they do not conflict with any final exams. This is very important since airlines charge fees for changing flight plans. Booking a flight ahead of time usually ensures good deals.

Choose early morning or late night flights. These flights tend to be cheaper and the planes are usually less crowded than afternoon flights. Try to fly either early morning after 5 p.m. For example, a flight from Tampa to Philadelphia on Southwest during the winter break dates of Dec. 7 and Jan. 7 have a $40 difference between the first flight of the day and the flight in the afternoon.

Do not be loyal to certain airports or airlines. If you live near a major city, such as New York City or Chicago, then be sure to scout multiple airports in the area. For New York City, try Newark, LaGuardia, Philadelphia, and John F. Kennedy airports. Sometimes there are better deals at other airports in the area.

Also, check to see which airlines have hubs in those cities. Hubs are when a major airline has many flights in and out daily. For example, US Airways and Southwest are hubs in Philadelphia. These airlines generally provide cheaper alternatives since they have multiple daily flights to and from destinations.

Try to book a flight with a layover. Although non-stop flights are easier and get you home quicker, they are more expensive. Sometimes having a layover for an hour or so in an airport in order to save some money is a wise investment.

Be sure to leave yourself at least one or two hours in the layover city so that you can get to your gate and ensure that your bags make the flight.

Deciding whether to check bags or to carry them onto the plane can be tough. This decision is difficult because every airline has different regulations and prices.

If a person who is making a trip home for a month has to check one bag in, then trying to fit a month's worth of clothes in a carry-on can be difficult, but this option is the cheaper alternative.

If checking bags is a must, try to use an airline that does not charge for it. Airlines such as Southwest and JetBlue do not charge for checking bags.

Now that a flight home is booked, what about surviving the airport? The airport can be quite frustrating, especially when a person is on a tight schedule. Here are some of the best tips for making your next airport trip a pleasant one:

Be there between two and two-and-a-half hours early. The lines will be long at the airport during the holidays, so make sure to be at the ticket counter prior to the set departure time. This will allow plenty of time to get through security and guarantee a spot on the plane.

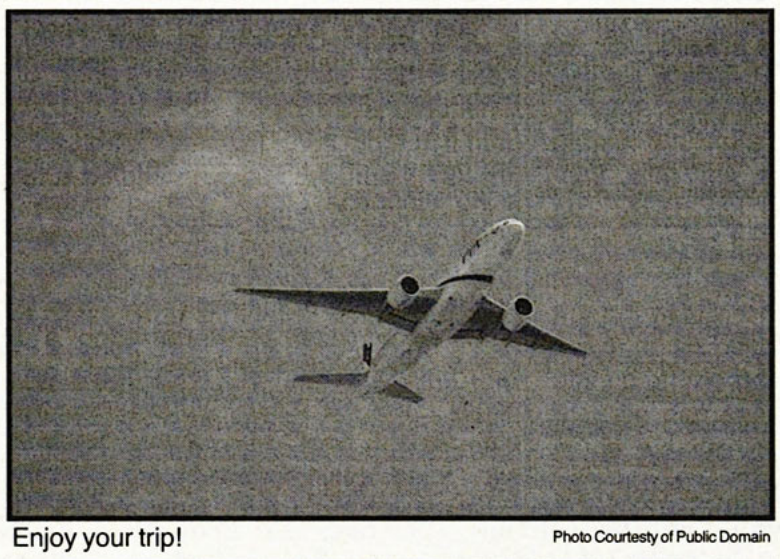
Be prepared. Have carry-on bags ready for security. Have toiletries and everything ready to go in your bag. Place coins, keys, belt, wallet, cell phone and anything else from your pockets into your bag.

Also, one must be sure to remove his or her shoes prior to entering the security lanes. Not only is it a requirement, but it will make for a faster and easier approach through security.

If things go wrong, stay calm and think rationally. If flights are cancelled or delayed, do not get upset and lash out at airline and airport employees. Keep the phone number of the airline on hand and call them directly to see if they are able to book another flight.

This will provide a better chance than standing in a line waiting for customer service to find another way to make it to the destination.

With these tips, air travel should become more of an enjoyable and a fun way to travel back home to loved ones and to friends for the holiday season.



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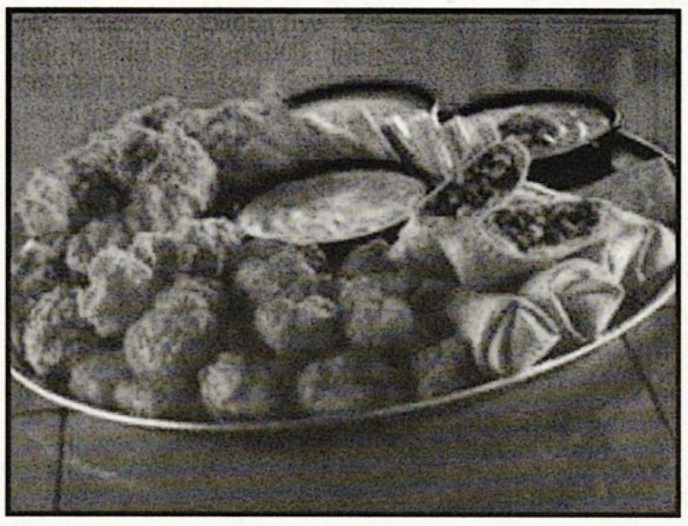
Food Review

Local hot spots near Saint Leo



This restaurant is known for their worldwide logo, the chili pepper.

Chili's is located in the same shopping plaza as Wal-Mart Supermarket, making this a very convenient restaurant to go to when students do not want to drive too far.

Chili's has a huge variety of food; soups, salads, burgers, quesadillas and more. They also have healthier choices for those students who are all about their health. This variety makes every visit seem like the first.

Not to mention how delicious their desserts are. Students can choose from brownie sundaes to molten chocolate cakes, to smoothies and cheese cake; desserts for every taste.

"Chili's offers a variety of meals at an affordable price," said sophomore Ryan Shute.

Normally there will be a table available right away. If not, though, the staff makes sure that every customer is comfortable and gets a table as soon as possible. There is also an outdoor seating area for those students who would like to enjoy the cool breeze.

The staff is very friendly and always makes sure that there is a full glass on the table. The food always comes out in a timely manner and is cooked to perfection each time. Their customer service is one of the best around Saint Leo.

"I really like Chili's because of their two for $20 menu and their strawberry lemonade is really good," said junior Shani Fareed.

For those students who are 21 or older, Chili's has a bar that people are able to sit and eat at while watching sports on the flat screen TV located right above it.

Chili's is a nice and comfortable restaurant to get a group of friends together, eat, and enjoy conversation.

It is definitely a place to go when you want to relax and enjoy a good meal.

Food Review
By Cheyenne Johnson

For those Saint Leo students who love wings and good service, head over to Beef 'O' Brady's.

This restaurant is located in the Shopping center to the right of Wal-Mart Supermarket.

Prices are very reasonable, $8.99 for eight boneless wings and two sides; not a bad price.

Beef's has a taste for everyone. For those students who like spicy food, try the hot wings. For those who enjoy mild food, go for the honey barbeque style.

All of their food comes in a very good helping size. Their burrito bowl for example is enough to fill anyone up.

Service is very friendly. Most of the time you seat yourself and a waitress will be their within the minute to take your drink order.

For those Saint Leo athletes, or anyone that likes sports for that matter, Beef's has over seven televisions all around their restaurant and you can ask a waitress to put on whatever sport you would like to watch.

> "We like Beef's because it's a family-friendly sports establishment."

The menu is typical sports bar pub fare- burgers, wings, salads, and sandwiches. A great place to watch the game as they have multiple televisions with all sports games/races/events on.

It's always kept very clean and the service is steady and friendly. Prices are somewhat reasonable, but be sure to always ask what the specials are.

In the time it has been open in Zephyrhills, we've not had a bad experience with our food and service. I hope this continues as we do enjoy going there," said Jeppechickzhills.

Beef's is a good place to go with a group of friends to hang out, eat, and enjoy the day. Or for the days that students have a lot of work to get done and just want to grab something quick, Beef's has a takeout menu.

Reviews from your peers:

"I personally do not like Beef's. The food is not that good. And the specials are even worse."
-Erin Davis

"Chili's is open late and its great."
-Nikki Dohermann

"Beef's is awesome. There is no better place to be."
-Andy Pelletier

"I always enjoy going to Chili's with my roommates and friends. It's nearby and they have great food and drinks. We always a good time."
-Marisa Fiumefreddo

"Beef's has a varied menu, and it's a laid back place to go with a group of friends, epecially for students who like to go somewhere to watch football games and have some wings."
-Leah MacPherson

"My best friend and I go to Chilli's probably way too much, but their queso and chips deal is just too good to pass up!"
-Andrea Lott

"I love Beefs because I can watch my favorite sporting events, eat, and hang out with everyone all at the same time, but my least favorite thing is that their soda always tastes flat!"
- Alicia Schuering

Survey by Tara McLaughlin

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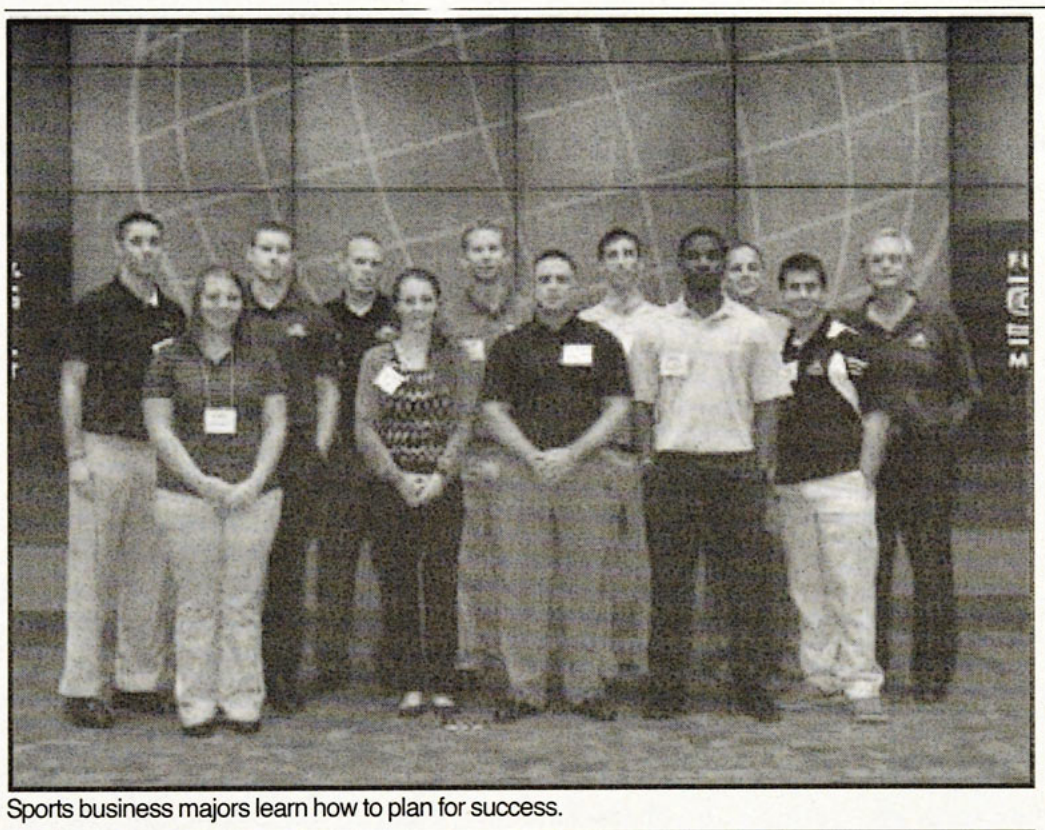

Sports business majors learn how to plan for success.

SPB students mean business

By Cheyenne Johnson
Contributing Writer

Thursday, Oct. 11, eleven sport business majors took a trip up to Tallahassee to attend the FSU Sport Business Conference.

Sport management is a field of education and a vocation concerning the business aspect of sports.

This was a two day event, including several speaker presentations and a job fair. The students who traveled to the conference had free transportation and accommodations such as food and hotel stay.

"The conference is intended for Sport Business students to hear industry professionals speak on their experience, their duties, and how they achieved the position that they are in," said Professor Hatlem, who traveled with the students to Tallahassee.

"What I got from the conference as a whole was that no matter who you are in the industry, or what you've done in your past, you cannot stop working to get better," said junior Patrick Puzzo.

"Students receive a real world insight to the various jobs in the sport industry, and also have a chance to meet various sport industry professionals and fellow students," said Hatlem. "Our program tries to offer various opportunities for our majors to attend conferences such as this so they can experience a professional setting and network with industry insiders."

Some of the guest speakers include, but are not limited to: Chris Weinke, Heisman and National Championship trophy winner; Mike Hickman, Athletic director of FSU; Paul Phillip, General Manager of Seminole IMG Sports Marketing; and John Webb, President of Florida Sports Foundation.

"The conference was a great experience," said junior Corey Saccone. "I grew up watching Chris Weinke and it was great to meet him in person. The job fair was a great networking event and I was able to talk to teams such as The Jaguars, Florida Panthers, and The Magic."

"Participation in conferences helps expand our Saint Leo Sport Business Program brand, whether it is attending or presenting" said Hatlem. "But most importantly, it allows our students to make connections and experience a professional conference while they are still pursuing their career goals."

"Even with the flat tire on day two, we were still able to arrive on time and continue listening to professionals speak about their careers and give everyone insight on what it takes to be in the sport industry," said Saccone.

Students were also allowed to visit Doak Campbell Stadium, home of the Florida State football team. There were raffle give-a-ways at the conference that were specifically from the London Olympics. Some of the prizes raffled off were jackets, hats, mugs, and two tickets to the next home football game.

When asked what Puzzo would take away from this conference, he said, "Take as many opportunities to volunteer as you can to build your resume, and be patient. It takes a few years to get into a position that you are going to feel accomplished in."

For Sport Business Majors, looking into this opportunity for next year's conference would be highly advised. This conference gives students a great opportunity to learn what it takes to make it in the sport industry. It also demonstrates how hard individuals have to work to get to where they want to be.

Former monk converts to Management Professor

By Matt Hewitt
Advertising Editor

Eric Theodore has done everything from taxi driver, automotive master technician, automotive dealership owner, and monk. Today, he is a professor at Saint Leo University. During his first semester as a professor, Theodore has already impacted the lives of students with his bright smile and positive outlook.

Born in Trinidad, he moved to the United States 30 years ago. He got his first degree in mechanical engineering from a community college in New York City while supporting himself by driving a cab and working on cars in the street. Theodore then moved to Washington, D.C., to continue his education. He attended secretarial school and automotive mechanic school. During his time at automotive mechanical school, he became an automotive master technician. However, he still was not sure what he wanted to do with his life. After seeing an advertisement in a church that read "live like a monk for one week" at the Saint Leo Abbey, he packed up his things and traveled to San Antonio, Fla.

"I just fell in love with the place, so I joined," said Theodore, who then lived as a Benedictine Monk for the next 16 years. He served as Vocational Director and Vehicle Fleet Manager for the Saint Leo Abbey, as well as Campus Minister for Saint Leo University.

Theodore had a change of heart yet again and, a semester short of becoming a priest, he decided to further his education next door at Saint Leo University, where he achieved his Masters of Business Administration. During one of his very first classes at the University, he attempted to turn in a paper assignment. Unfortunately, it was rejected when the professor told him that he was now in college, and that papers written on typewriters would not be accepted.

"I thought I was cool, it was a high-tech, little typewriter," said Theodore. "The part that really impressed me was that he personally took me to the Learning Resource Center."

He was back in school at 38 years old, almost twice the age of most of his classmates.

"I was already intimidated. To have a teacher do that for me when I was already feeling intimidated. To have a teacher walk with me like that - that had a real impact on me."

The moment impacted him so much that it influenced the way he wanted to teach. "Whatever kind of teacher I become, I want to learn to pay attention to students in that way."

After earning his M.B.A., Theodore tested his entrepreneurial skills and went into the car dealership business with his brother. He is still currently the co-owner of the dealership, which is located in Tampa, Fla. Three years later, Theodore would ultimately return to Saint Leo University as a Management Professor, inspired by the very professors that taught him in years prior.

The passion he has for teaching and helping students become the best person that they can be is evident in any conversation with him.

"My favorite part about teaching at Saint Leo is how many resources are available to both teachers and students," he said. "If you really want to do well, the help for you to pursue excellence, which is one of our core values, is here.

"I love it here."

Campus News

How to S.E.R.V.E. at Saint Leo University

By Meghan Mathias
Staff Writer

Saint Leo is a school that places immense value onto the act of serving others, with one of its core values being community. Students Engaging in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences, otherwise known as the S.E.R.V.E. program, is one that is dedicated to traveling to different areas of the world to help others in a variety of ways, to better the world, and to make a real impact in peoples' lives.

S.E.R.V.E. trips allow students to help others and leave a lasting mark on the world.

Participating in S.E.R.V.E. is a short, simple process that is available to all students. The first step in order to participate is to apply. Applications are available online on the University website. During the application process, a person must state their top three choices and later meet with a leader and an advisor to go through an interview process to see which team they will be able to join. Trips take place in December, on spring break, and in the summer.

The application is still available online for interested students who want to be involved in something that is bigger than themselves and the school community. This opportunity can lead to experiences that will be life-altering and worthwhile for both the participants on the trips and the people whose needs they are meeting.

"It's a very exciting year for S.E.R.V.E.," said senior Amanda Altu, S.E.R.V.E. Program Director.

There are nine trips planned for this year,with one being in December and eight being on Spring Break. The locations of the trips this year include: Mexico, South Florida, Covecrest and Albany, Georgia, New Orleans, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Cuba. Jennifer Garcia, Director of First Year Experiences and co-chair for S.E.R.V.E, said that there is "always an opportunity to build your own trips," especially if there is enough interest and people to endorse it.

Every trip has different volunteer work with an individual focus, but the results are the same: to help and to make a difference in as many lives as possible. Trips do a variety of volunteer work, such as working with children in orphanages and teaching English and computer skills in rural schools. Students also have the opportunity to work with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

"[The trips usually] last six to seven days for the ones in the spring and could be longer for the trips that are in December and in the summer," said Garcia.

The costs vary with each location, but the University always contributes a certain amount of money towards each trip in order to ensure that students have the opportunity to partake in the program. For expensive trips, fundraising is encouraged. The next fundraiser for S.E.R.V.E. is for the trip to Mexico in December, and people will be selling entertainment books and cheesecakes in a variety of flavors. For more information about this particular fundraiser, or to make a donation, contact Sherman Milton. Other fundraisers will also be available throughout the year to help and support the eight trips that take place during spring break.

Participating in S.E.R.V.E. is a unique opportunity that occurs during one's college years. "[It is a] great way to get involved, provide a service, learn about other cultures, learn about one's self and others," Garcia said.

If one does decide to participate and wants more information about this program, they can contact Amanda Altu or Jennifer Garcia.

Southeastern Guide Dogs visit University Campus

By Tarah Jeannis
Contributing Writer

On Oct 24, Mr. Herberts Fecker along with his wife Dwila, visited campus with their mixed Labrador Golden Retriever ,Jet, to inform the community about Southeastern Guide dogs and their mission to the sight impaired.

Jet is an ambassador of the non-profit organization Southeastern Guide Dogs. Fecker has been involved with the organization since 2009, the same year he adopted his dog who had a "career change" after being trained as a guide dog. Since then, the couple and Jet have visited nursing homes in Hillsborough County.

"There are three ways a blind person can travel, that is if they are taken there by someone else, usage of the white cane or the use of a guide dog, which is the most independent way" said Fecker.

"This foundation does not receive money from the government and it is no cost to the blind" said Fecker.

That is why he supports, volunteers, and motivates others to get involved with Southeastern Guide Dogs.

"These dogs are bred in Palmetto Florida and stay in the facilities for the first nine weeks, there their training begins automatically."

The dogs are taught house breaking, surface, and are put on a leash. Afterwards they are assigned a puppy trainer off of the facilities. The trainer teaches the dogs without treats and only praise when they do well. They are taught commands such as finding doors or opening the door.

After being trained by a puppy trainer, the dog is then brought back to the facilities to begin its harness training. At this point, the dog is roughly two years old and ready to be paired with a blind individual, who will bond with the dog for a month at the Southeastern facility.

These dogs work for approximately 10 years with their sight impaired owner, after which they will stay with their owner or go through a "career change," where they can become therapy dogs, ambassador dogs or public service dogs.

The Fecker's explained their journey with Jet and the blessing that it has been to have him in his "forever home" with them. Jet behaves very well with them and others.

"The reward, as I understand, is when the trainer sees the guide dog with a sight impaired," Fecker said.

"It makes it all worthwhile."

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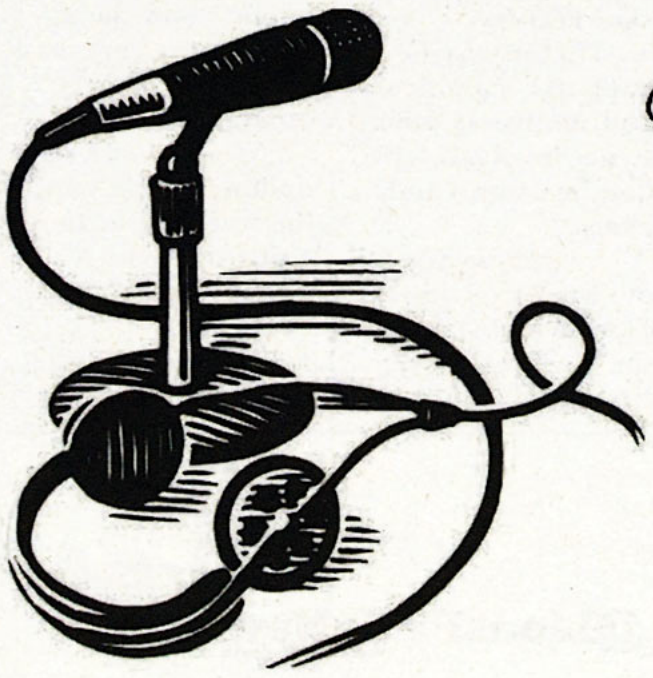
Congratulations winners!

WSLU had a great response to the first, "Host Your Own Radio Show Contest."

Eric Dirth and Leah Hollingsworth	Lately in Leoland
Jarrod Gasper and Patrick Puzzo	The Warehouse with J-Rod and Patrice
Donavan Astwood and Lee Ann Antuna	Good Vibes Radio
Corey Saccone and Pat Puzzo	The Saint Leo Sports Zone
Danielle Carver	Trivial Pursuit
Marilyn Guy and Ariel Guy	God's out of the Box Radio Show



Congratulations to all our new hosts!

Stay tuned for programming information and schedule!

Campus News

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Cheyenne Johnson
Contributing Writer

One out of every eight women in the Unites States develops breast cancer over their lifetime. 40,000 of these women die annually.

The month of October is known as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month or BCAM. Many organizations around the world participated in breast cancer awareness.

For those football fanatics, most realized that the NFL participated in this by having their players use pink towels or wear pink arm bands and shoes.

In the past, the University participated in BCAM by wearing denim on Lee National Denim day in 2006. On this day, participants donated $5 to the cause in order to dress casual to work. Students and faculty also participated in walks and other events that helped raise awareness for this disease.

"Students should participate in Breast Cancer Awareness Month because breast cancer is a big disease," said junior Santi Lopez. "The more information one can get on it, the better chance we have for a cure. It is also a great way to honor those who have won and lost their battle with breast cancer."

Finding a cure is an important part in cancer research, but research costs thousands upon thousands of dollars. If every Saint Leo student donated $5 to the breast cancer awareness organization, the school could raise about $10,500. Though when it comes to research, this may seem like only a little bit of money — but even the littlest bit helps. Imagine if every school across Florida, or even the United States, participated in it. There could be millions of dollars raised, not only to find a cure to breast cancer but to research other illnesses with the money left over. The University could embrace its core value of community further by leading the way in supporting breast cancer awareness.

"This is an illness that has plagued women for many years now," said junior Mel Dayaa. "Cancer is one of the deadliest things that could ever happen to someone. Not only is it important to take the time to research breast cancer if you are a woman, but it is even more important to get yourself checked frequently."

Some students may not realize that breast cancer can also affect men. These cases occur less often than they do in cases with women, but it can still occur. This is an illness that needs to be taken seriously. All it takes is a little time. One day out of every year, it is important go to the doctors and get tested. It is better to take precautions than to wait until there is no solution. If breast cancer is caught early enough, there is a much better chance of survival than if it is caught later on.

"Breast cancer can take over even the healthiest person. It's an illness that has no specific target," said Dayaa. "During the month of October, just take a little bit of your time to go over the precautionary methods of finding out if you are affected by this tragic illness."

Every student should take some of their time to remember the women that have fought and won the battle. But more importantly, remember those who have lost it. Last month dedicated to every person that had to deal and may have deal with this illness. It was also dedicated to raising money to find the cure. Every student should do their part in participating in breast cancer awareness. Not just in the month of October, but all year round.

Jekyll and Hyde: Saint Leo's trip to the theatre

By Genevieve Feiler
Contributing Writer

Campus Activities Board organized a trip to Tampa on Oct. 28 to see the closing night production of Jekyll and Hyde.

As students filled out their release forms, they breathed a sigh of relief, knowing the event would be inside as the night air began to grow colder by the minute. They boarded the Martz bus: some awaiting the viewing of their favorite musical, while others not knowing what to expect.

Sophomore Carl Shotwel was familiar with the show, but had his doubts since he never saw the show at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Perform Artz, before. The center is made up of five theaters where performances of many genres are performed all year round. Students had purchased tickets for the special showing of Jekyll and Hyde, the musical hitting the Broadway stage in April 2013.

"I wasn't sure because I've been to Broadway before, so I wasn't sure how it was going to be at this theatre," said Shotwell, "But I was still excited for it."

Since students arrived an hour early for the 6:30 p.m. show, they walked along the river, grabbed a bite to eat, or enjoyed the view of the water. Everyone waited for the theatre to open so they could take their seats.

Anna McEntee's who is familiar with the art saw the show for the first time. "Some people said there were really bad reviews about the guy who was to playing Jekyll and Hyde."

Despite hearing these rumors, she did not lose hope for the shows overall success.

The lights flash, encouraging audience member to take their seats and implying that the show was about to begin. Students were swept into another world — the world of the play.

Caught within a thrilling tale of good and evil, students experienced a performance like no other. Breathtaking sets, unbelievable actors, and enchanting voices filled Morsani Hall and captured the audience in a trance.

McEntee mentioned that she enjoyed the shows' new twist within the musical scores. "I wasn't expecting the music to be so modern."

"They changed it and modernized it, so it had kind of a rock feel. And I really liked that."

Carl Shotwell also had a positive opinion about the show.

"I was impressed," said Shotwell. "I think it was acted very well. They all seemed to work together, blending very well and working well with the orchestra. "

Junior Yakira Harvey also thoroughly enjoyed her first show.

"It was a new experience," said Harvey. "I loved it, the acting, the songs, everything. I would recommend it to everyone."

Carl Shotwell was more than happy to recommend the event to other University students. He agreed that the Campus Activities Board put on a great event. When asked if they should similar events, he replied with a smile, "Yes, most definitely."

Anna McEntee, also fond of the night's performance, did not hesitate to add that "they should put on a CAB event to go see Wicked in January." Wicked is another popular musical playing in the Straz Center in the beginning of next year.

Although it was not a large event, students were more than entertained with high hopes that it would be the first of many.

Mother Courage

By Dominique Todd
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Bertolt Brecht's Mother Courage took over Selby Auditorium Oct. 26 -27. The performance was put together by the dramaturgy professor, Dave McGinnis, and included performances by students and admissions faculty member, Brook McGinnis.

The play centers around a woman who strives to profit from the Thirty Years' War with the help of her three children. The play was tragic, but included moments of humor, which was evident by the laughter from the audience. The audience was pleased with the performance and most people said they enjoyed the play.

"I liked the way the actors got involved in their role," one student said.

Indeed, the actors were very convincing in their roles, with McGinnis leading the cast as Mother Courage, the central character for whom the play was named.

The cast may have made the play seem effortless, but the staff had to overcome some challenges, including the leaky roof of the Selby Auditorium. The role of Mother Courage also had to be recast, as the original lead became ill. No sign of worry was on any of the cast members' faces though. Despite these obstacles, they enjoyed putting the production together.

"I enjoyed being part of the cast. I had fun," said freshman Craig Graves, who played the part of the colonel.

Mother Courage was an insightful look into the lives of those who lived in a war-torn country. The play, though tragic, was enjoyable to the audience, and left them wondering what the dramaturgy department had up its sleeves for its next performance.

Sports

College football picks with T-Mac

Can he come out of this weekend with a positive winning percentage?

By Taylor McGillis
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In the last edition of this column I was correct on 10 of 15 games, so, first off, we'll address some of those missed picks. My soft spot for Washington probably causes me to have a little too much faith in them when I picked them to beat USC. But, they have now beaten two top-10 teams this year, so I still don't feel terrible about that pick. Very few people thought that Texas Tech had what it would take to stop the high-powered offense of West Virginia, but they did, and the Red Raiders beat them soundly. I clearly misevaluated the Mountaineers and legitimized them as a championship contender before they had proven much of anything.

The one missed pick that I still feel good about was picking Stanford to beat Notre Dame. A questionable call at the end was the only thing preventing the Cardinal from beating the Irish and making me look good. On to this week's slate of games. Some pretty good matchups of top-25 teams, highlighted by the two between Alabama at LSU and Oregon at USC.

No. 1 Alabama at LSU
Saturday, Nov. 3 | 8 p.m.
Outlook: Alabama was ranked No. 1 by every coach in America in the most recent poll. They are the undisputed best team in the country, yet unchallenged to this point in the season. They have wins against then-No. 11 Mississippi State and then-No. 8 Michigan, but have not faced anyone that was/is a legitimate national title contender. That is until this week when the Crimson Tide will have a chance to further display their dominance by accomplishing one of the hardest things in college football—beating LSU in a night game at Death Valley. LSU has bounced back from its loss to Florida with a win against then-No. 3 South Carolina, but still hasn't shown anything to make us believe they can be 'Bama. But, I believe in the power of a night game in Baton Rouge—the Bayou Bengals shake-up the college football world this Saturday night. In a game with lots of field goals, LSU wins by a field goal.
Prediction: LSU 12, Alabama 9

No. 2 Kansas State vs. No. 24 Oklahoma State
Saturday, Nov. 3 | 8 p.m.
Outlook: Many people question Kansas State's legitimacy as the No. 2-ranked team in the country, but the Wildcats without a doubt have earned their BCS ranking—and the computer polls love them. Kansas State welcomes Oklahoma State to town and will be their third straight game against a top-25 team. In the Wildcats' last two games, they have hammered top-15 opponents. The defense has kept two potent offenses in check, holding West Virginia to 14 points and Texas Tech to 24. Heisman candidate Collin Klein continues to carry this team, physically and metaphorically. The Wildcats keep their BCS National Championship hopes alive, and cruise to victory against the Cowboys. They've also scored 55 points each of the last two weeks, so we'll stick with that number.
Prediction: Kansas State 55, Oklahoma State 14

No. 3 Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh
Saturday, Nov. 3 | 3:30 p.m.
Outlook: It's hard for anyone to doubt Notre Dame anymore after the Irish went into a hostile environment and thrashed then-No. 8 Oklahoma. People doubted how they would respond to an offense like the Sooners', but the Irish rose to the occasion and have placed themselves in a position to break into the top 2 of the BCS. This Notre Dame team is different than those of recent years, and a slip-up against Pitt is not in the landscape. The Irish take care of business, and move one step closer to their season-finale against USC.
Prediction: Notre Dame 41, Pittsburgh 3

No. 4 Oregon at No. 17 USC
Saturday, Nov. 3 | 7 p.m.
Outlook: Oregon checks in this week at No. 4 in the BCS standings but has consistently been voted No. 2 in all of the human polls. The Ducks continue to be dominant against lesser competition, so this week should provide a good vantage point of how good Oregon really is. USC is coming off of a devastating loss on the road against a better-than-their-record-shows Arizona squad, so expect the Trojans to come out with some fire against the Ducks to try to reestablish some of their validity as a top team this year. *Something to keep in mind: Oregon throttled the same Arizona team that just knocked off USC.* Any fire that USC comes out with won't be enough to stop the Ducks' offense. Oregon comes out trying to make a statement, and waxes USC.
Prediction: Oregon 55, USC 17

No. 6 Georgia vs. Ole Miss
Saturday, Nov. 3 | 3:30 p.m.
Outlook: Georgia is coming off of a huge win against the then-No. 2 Florida Gators, and now controls its own destiny in the SEC East race. Ole Miss comes into the game on a two-game winning streak against, so expect the Rebels to come out with some confidence. Don't expect too much of a threat to knock off the Bulldogs, though. Aaron Murray has proven himself to be one of the best quarterbacks in the conference, and he will get it done once again. Ole Miss keeps it close in the first half, but Georgia shows its dominance in the second half.
Prediction: Georgia 35, Ole Miss 10

No. 7 Florida vs. Missouri
Saturday, Nov. 3 | Noon
Outlook: Florida drops to No. 7 in the BCS after they failed to score a touchdown against Georgia last week. Luckily for the Gators, they now square off against a Missouri team whose only SEC win is against an abysmal Kentucky team. Even with the recent offensive ineptness of the Gators, there won't be much of a game here, as Florida's defense should have no trouble shutting down Missouri. Florida gets back on track and keeps the pressure on Georgia, who controls the SEC East race.
Prediction: Florida 31, Missouri 6

No. 10 Louisville vs. Temple
Saturday, Nov. 3 | Noon
Outlook: Louisville passed what may be their toughest test of the year last week in an overtime win against Cincinnati. With Rutgers falling to Kent State this past week, Louisville becomes the only undefeated team left in the Big East. The Cardinals have by no means dominated their competition, but have continually gotten the job done late in games, much because of quarterback Teddy Bridgewater. Temple has legitimized themselves among Big East members, winning their first two games back in the conference, but have been beaten handedly their last two times out. Louisville hands them their third conference loss this week, as the Cardinals stay undefeated in hopes of rising up the rankings.
Prediction: Louisville 37, Temple 13

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